LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 10, 1950

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
First Division							
Sunshine United	12	10	0	2	35	16	20
Prahran	12	7	1	4	29	24	15
Brighton	11	6	2	3	31	21	14
Sandringham City	11	5	3	3	21	21	13
Box Hill	9	5	2	2	32	17	12
South Yarra	12	4	4	4	21	21	12
Park Rangers	12	4	1	7	19	20	9
Footscray City	11	2	3	6	17	28	7
Moreland	11	1	3	7	17	32	5
Hakoah	11	2	1	8	17	39	5
Second Division							
Yallourn	11	9	1	1	64	18	19
Preston	12	9	0	3	44	19	18
South Melbourne	11	8	0	3	45	27	16
Western Suburbs	11	8	0	3	38	24	16
Juventus	10	5	2	3	29	16	12
George Cross	12	5	0	7	10	12	10
Yarraville	12	4	1	7	14	53	9
Melb. University	11	4	0	7	25	33	8
Ringwood	12	2	0	10	23	45	4
Heidelberg	12	1	0	11	11	55	2

10/6/50.—Juventus v. Yallourn match abandoned.

13/5/50.—South Melbourne v. Juventus. Match to be replayed.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Third Division (North)							
White Eagles	11	9	2	0	60	12	20
Fifers	12	9	2	1	57	17	20
Coburg	12	7	2	3	38	24	16
Williamstown	12	7	0	5	28	33	14
Geelong Celtic	10	6	1	3	36	23	13
Melbourne Rangers	10	5	0	5	27	26	10
Int. Harvesters	10	3	1	6	22	27	7
Woodlands	12	3	0	9	31	61	6
Royal Caledonians	10	1	0	9	19	40	2
South Yarra	9	0	0	9	8	57	0
Third Division (South)							
J U S T	10	8	2	0	49	6	18
F.N.D.	10	8	1	1	55	11	17
Olympic	9	7	0	2	41	18	14
Vic. Police	10	7	0	3	29	15	14
Moorabbin	11	5	2	4	36	19	12
Park Rangers	11	3	0	8	25	41	6
Box Hill	10	3	0	7	16	47	6
Brighton	11	1	1	9	18	67	3
Bentleigh	10	1	0	9	14	58	2
First Division Reserves							
Park Rangers	12	9	2	1	44	16	20
Sandringham City	11	7	2	2	24	13	16
South Yarra	12	7	1	4	37	26	15
Prahran	12	6	2	4	27	17	14
Brighton	11	6	2	3	31	24	14
Box Hill	10	5	1	4	25	21	11
Sunshine United	12	3	4	5	29	29	10
Hakoah	11	4	2	5	20	26	10
Moreland	11	1	1	9	23	42	3
Footscray City	12	0	1	11	11	55	1
Second Division Reserves							
Yallourn	12	11	0	1	75	8	22
Preston	12	9	1	2	51	16	19
Juventus	12	9	0	3	53	25	18
South Melbourne	11	7	1	3	44	13	15
Western Suburbs	12	7	0	5	44	35	14
Melb. University	11	6	0	5	43	30	12
George Cross	11	3	0	8	11	16	6
Heidelberg	11	2	0	9	9	76	4
Ringwood	12	1	0	11	1	52	2
Yarraville	10	1	0	9	6	66	2

Heidelberg v. Yarraville and South Melbourne v. George Cross matches not played.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Third Division Reserves							
Olympic	6	5	0	1	34	4	10
Williamstown	6	4	0	2	25	20	8
Coburg	5	3	0	2	15	11	6
Woodlands	6	3	0	3	19	22	6
Fifers	5	1	0	4	2	29	2
Moorabbin	5	0	0	5	1	20	0

Woodlands v. Fifers result not telephoned.

JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 10, 1950

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Under 19 "A" Section							
South Yarra	11	10	0	1	39	10	20
Sunshine United	11	9	1	1	36	10	19
Box Hill	11	6	1	4	26	16	13
Brighton	10	6	0	4	37	17	12
Army Apprentices	10	4	1	5	14	38	9
Sandringham City	11	3	2	6	14	29	8
Park Rangers	11	2	0	9	15	54	4
Hakoah	11	0	1	10	4	11	1
Under 19 "B" Section							
Yallourn	11	10	1	0	43	4	21
Preston	11	8	1	2	45	9	17
Sth. Melb. United	10	7	0	3	33	9	14
Coburg	10	6	0	4	21	18	12
Juventus	10	5	1	4	25	21	11
Ringwood	11	4	0	7	19	32	8
Metters	11	3	1	7	20	37	7
Moorabbin	11	3	0	8	23	37	6
Northcote	11	0	0	11	7	69	0
Under 16 Division							
Northcote	12	11	0	1	29	5	22
Brighton	12	9	1	2	28	12	19
Sandringham City	12	8	0	4	21	21	16
Box Hill	12	7	1	4	26	9	15
Sth. Melb. United	11	6	2	3	27	14	14
Park Rangers	12	6	0	6	14	17	12
Preston	12	3	2	7	12	17	8
Ringwood	10	2	0	8	14	30	4
South Yarra	12	2	0	10	9	36	4
Sunshine United	11	1	0	10	2	21	2
Under 14 Division							
Box Hill	11	8	1	2	23	6	17
S. Melb. United "A"	12	7	2	3	49	15	16
Coburg	12	8	0	4	32	23	16
Park Rangers	11	7	1	3	45	10	15
Western Suburbs	11	10	1	0	39	8	13
Sandringham City	11	4	4	3	17	17	12
Sunshine United	12	8	2	2	54	11	10
Preston	12	4	1	7	28	41	9
Brighton	12	2	2	8	17	38	6
Bentleigh	12	2	1	9	14	32	5
S. Melb. United "B"	12	2	1	9	7	31	5
Highett N.F.	12	0	0	12	4	97	0

Note.—**Under 19.**—All games won or lost against Yarraville in the "B" Section of the Under 19 Division, have been declared null and void, owing to Yarraville's withdrawal from the competition. The above League Table has been amended accordingly.

Under 16.—South Melbourne United v. Ringwood game not played on June 10.

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SEASIDERS TRAIN

DUNCAN McDOUGALL and BRIAN THOMAS practice close passing at training at Hurlingham Park. Brighton Club is featured in this issue.

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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Enach Road, Hampton.

It is regrettable that the King's Birthday week-end should be marred by another set of incidents which are doing so much harm to soccer and making the game a laughing stock to the followers of other codes in Victoria. I refer to the Juventus-Yallourn game which was abandoned by the referee on Saturday. Until the matter has been dealt with by the League Management Committee it is not possible to comment directly on the game, but it is just one more of a series of troubles towards the stopping of which, serious thought must be given.

The visits of some clubs to other States and the entertaining by others of visitors from interstate, took the sting out of the League competition, but Sunshine United's victory over Hakoah on Saturday gives them a 5-point lead over Prahran, their nearest rivals in the First Division. The abandonment of the Yallourn-Juventus game brings Preston and South Melbourne United within 1 point of Yallourn at the head of the Second Division.

In the Third Division (North) Fifers are giving White Eagles a great run to see who will be the team to gain promotion to the Second Division next season, while in the Third Division (South) the battle goes on between JUST and the Navy, with Olympic sneaking up quietly in the background.

With only six more League matches to play the situation in all Divisions is becoming tense, particularly in the relegation zones.

The success of the Brighton and Sandringham City clubs of bringing the two crack N.S.W. teams (Metters-Canterbury and Woonona-Bulli) to Melbourne was proved by the huge crowd at Olympic Park for the Brighton and Metters game and the popularity of the visit by Sandringham and Woonona to Wonthaggi, where the locals gave them a great welcome.

The fact that both Melbourne sides "bit the dust" should not deter other clubs from following in the footsteps of these pioneers by inviting interstate sides. It is only by trying ourselves out against these giants of the game that we can find out our true form and preserve our sense of balance.

Brighton's defeat by Metters-Canterbury to the tune of 4 goals to 2 at Olympic Park was not so enormous as to cause a drop in morale at Hurlingham Park. Brighton have suffered defeats just as big in League games this year, so no alarm should be felt over this defeat.

Sandringham City's defeat by Woonona-Bulli was heavy and naturally disappointing to the "Hammers," but they can take some comfort from the fact that it is common knowledge that their crop of injuries since the beginning of the season has made it extremely difficult for the club to maintain its early form. Sandringham took on a big job in entertaining Woonona and also running a Junior Carnival on one and the same week-end, and they are to be commended on their courage and initiative. We regret that this column could not wait for us to get the result of the Junior Carnival, and also the return games Brighton and Sandringham played with their visitors on Monday, but should results come in on time we will publish them in another part of the paper.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

"Soccer News" is at present being produced under considerable difficulty. The Committee hopes that clubs will endeavour to send in regular Club Notes to assist us to keep up the standard, as last week only five clubs sent in any notes. We also require more articles from our regular subscribers and others.—EDITOR.

SHOTS AROUND THE WORLD

By V. J. M. DIXON

Brazil is all set for the World Cup. Every Brazilian is convinced that their team will win. Even the experts who have been overseas are inclined to hold this opinion.

A strong team of soccer authorities, including Flavio Costa (manager of the Brazilian team) and a group of journalists and radio commentators visited the British Isles to attend the England v. Scotland international match at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in April.

Leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to get the "low-down" on current form, they looked in also at Lisbon and Madrid to watch the qualifying games between Portugal and Spain.

A solid series of trial games between teams from both Rio de Janeiro and San Paulo has taken place to enable the selectors to do their job thoroughly.

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Three Argentine clubs have been touring in Belgium, i.e., San Lorenzo (who beat Brussels 2—0, and Leige 6—1); Racing Club, Buenos Aires (who beat Brussels 5—3), and Newell's Old Boys (who beat Antwerp, 3—2).

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In Denmark the new National Football Pool is turning over some £100,000 per week and Danish sport will benefit to the tune of £200,000 as a result of the first season's operations.

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French Soccer Club of the season is Nimes, a Second Division side. Winning 25 League games in a row, this club has also knocked two First Division clubs—Toulouse and Bordeaux—out of the Cup and is still unbeaten to date for the season.

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Spanish soccerites feel certain that Spain will qualify for the final stages of the World Cup at Rio. Excitement this season has reached fever heat and the Police in Madrid have had their hands full with incidents arising from the hot Spanish temperament.

The Spaniards sprung a surprise on the Argentine teams who visited them this year. In 1945, when the Argentine team (San Lorenzo) visited Spain, they cleaned up everything, including the National team, by a huge margin. San Lorenzo this year and also Racing Club found that the Spanish resistance is now much stiffer. The Spanish side defeated San Lorenzo, 2—1, in Barcelona; another side beat Racing Club, 3—2, in Madrid.

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With the football season beginning in Sweden, press discussion waxes fierce over World Cup prospects. Sweden are regarded as one of the most dangerous sides.

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The Swiss F.A. are trying everything to ensure victory for Switzerland in the Cup competition. Experiments in tactics particularly had experts from other countries "on their toes." International matches played by the Swiss as try-outs include an England "B" team at Sheffield (where an experimental Swiss side was beaten), Austria and Luxembourg, while others still to be played are against Scotland and later Yugoslavia. L. Minelli, who has a total of 83 international caps, now heads the 3-man Swiss selection committee.

WE NEED PUBLICITY

By RICHARD DREYFUS

"In comparison with Australian Rules football (which is a variation of rugby), Soccer in Australia is treated in a most 'step-motherly' sort of fashion — although in the State of Victoria some 20 clubs play their roster and cup matches every Saturday afternoon."

This, in the words of an American weekly paper, was the state of soccer here in 1941. How has this situation improved, and what more is there we can do? Before answering these two questions, let us quote another paragraph from the New York weekly.

"Soccer in Victoria is unlikely to obtain the huge gates, numbering sometimes into the hundred-thousand, which Australian Rules draws. It must, however, be mentioned that a crowd of over 20,000 watched a Chinese team from Hong Kong play at the Sydney Cricket Ground."

As is known to all soccer fans, the war years did not help in the struggle to place the code on the map in Australia. In Victoria particularly, the game suffered considerably as more and more boys joined the fighting forces. Teams dropped out of competitions at an alarming rate, and the crowds which had surrounded playing fields in increasing numbers in 1939, also dwindled away to a mere nothing. The game was at a very low ebb. However, thanks to an ardent few workers who would not give up, soccer in Victoria was not allowed to die out. They kept plugging away at what was, at that time, an almost thankless task. Today their efforts have been rewarded. We see instead of 20 teams the record number of 66 senior elevens competing for honors in seven Senior Divisions. Besides those, we have a flourishing Junior League which in four divisions contains 39 enthusiastic up-and-coming teams of youngsters.

Undoubtedly the major factor in this remarkable revival has been the influx of British and Continental migrants to Australia. Brought here to help in the economic development and upbuilding of the country, they have also helped to put soccer back to its former high position. But there is a long and hard path ahead of us if soccer is to replace Australian Rules as the National Game here. And this particularly applies to Victoria.

One of the first tasks is to see that Melbourne soccer gets still more publicity in the four Melbourne dailies than it does at the moment. It is not enough to read a preview on Thursday, and the results on Monday. Australian Rules gets a "write-up" every day! If the Soccer Association could see its way clear to appoint a competent press officer it would find the small expense very well rewarded. And a few good advertisements would not hurt, either. Nowhere did I see the State Trial game at Olympic Park advertised in the manner in which it should have been. Very many people said, "Oh, I did not even know it was on." What was the result? A very small crowd, numbering perhaps a few hundred, when it should have been many more than a thousand.

Clubs are springing up into existence all over the place. Country towns will be fielding teams in numbers, and many Melbourne colors will also be seen for the first time next year. The players are there. What we need now is publicity, so that **everyone** knows where and how soccer is being played in Victoria.

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BRIGHTON SOCCER CLUB

Formed in 1924, the Brighton Soccer Club has had a very eventful history in which the club has passed from success to success to become recognised as one of the leading clubs, setting an example on the field in club administration and enterprising ventures that have reflected great credit to the code in general.

From a lowly beginning in the Fourth Division, when collections barely paid the referee, to the present day when £14 or £15 "gates" are not eyebrow-raising, the club has been fortunate in having officials whose only desire was that Brighton should have the best.

Few clubs have such an ardent band of supporters, many of whom have been actively engaged in the club for years but have stepped aside as the years took their toll. During one season recently there were six ex-presidents of the club watching the games, besides scores of ex-players who had been stars in the 1930's, all of whom still imbued with that club spirit that becomes a tradition over the years.

In this brief article it would be impossible to cover the fine work done over the years by so many stalwarts of the club, but tribute was paid to many of them in a splendid publication printed to celebrate their Silver Jubilee in 1949, entitled "25 Years of Soccer with the Brighton Soccer Football Club." This publication in itself was an achievement in Victorian soccer circles.

Culmination to all the efforts of the years was achieving the First Division premiership last season, under the presidency of Mr. W. Thomas, without defeat. "Bill" Thomas has been outstanding in his work for the club. This season Mr. A. Hodgkinson is president, ably supported by a strong committee. Mr. "Dick" Jones, the secretary, whose capacity for work is unlimited, is one of the men behind the scenes who do so much. Dick has been secretary longer than anyone, joining Brighton in 1935. Treasurer, Andy Keane, is an ardent clubman who lives and breathes the real club spirit.

This season Brighton has welcomed many new players to its midst and from what one sees they will rapidly absorb that club tradition and loyalty that everyone really admires. Arthur Scott who started off with Brighton as a Schooiboy and is now recognised as a potential star, typifies that outlook.

Striving to give their best at all times, all connected with the club know that success must follow in its wake. This season the Seasiders are quietly confident and should they not gain all they desire, they will have enjoyed the struggle. The club's motto, "Determination Defies Defeat," was coined in adversity during 1928 when relegation loomed before them. Today it's an inspiration to go on to better things.

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Ashworth (Prahran)

Bushrod (Fifers) **Scott** (Brighton) **White** (Sandringham)

McDougall (Brighton) **Drennen** (Sunshine)

Wilson (Sand'ham) **Bambro** (Sand'ham) **Stoddard** (Brighton) **Lachman** (Prahran) **McFeeters** (Box Hill)

Smith (Preston) **Thorrington** (West. Subs.) **Johanson** (West. Subs.) **Hardman** (Moreland) **Carter** (Prahran)

Dobrich (JUST) **Hunt** (Navy)

Moucka (Hakoah) **Hollis** (Navy) **R. Tait** (Prahran)

Klimscok (Western Suburbs)

Reserves.—Weight (Park Rangers), **Goode** (Brighton), **McDonald** (Prahran), **Evans** (Sunshine).

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By P. SEARLE

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BLOT ON OUR CODE

Frequency of incidents at leading games is most disturbing to all real lovers of our code. An ugly demonstration at Olympic Park, plus an abandoned game, last Saturday will call for immediate inquiries.

GETTING CLOSER

Each week sees our Competition entrants getting closer to the prize, which is steadily "jack-potting."

THIS IS INTERESTING

The Referees' Association will shortly field a team of its own, commencing with Sunday games. Whether they will be out to stick to the rules, or how many they can break will have the fans guessing.

RECORD GATE

Gate takings at Olympic Park last Sunday for the M.-C.-Brighton clash was £106. This must be a record for club football and certainly paid dividends to the seasiders' enterprise, even allowing for the large guarantee to Metters-Canterbury.

THEY GET AROUND

It's not true that Alec Kew and Stewart Beaton are giving private lessons on "How to Give Impromptu Speeches at Smoke Nights." V.S.F.A. Treasurer and Secretary respectively, they are most popular with the clubs.

HONORS OF THE WEEK

To Sandringham City for their fine charity raising effort at Wonthaggi, in which over £200 went to the local hospital.

INTERPRETER NEEDED? ...

Heard that a certain referee wished he'd brought his Scottish dictionary with him to Yarraville the other week. The brogue was so broad he wouldn't have been surprised had a Scottish mist descended either!

MOST CONSISTENT

Despite 18 years of Victorian soccer, no club can field a fitter man than Bill McMurray, Brighton right-half. Has never missed a club game since joining the club in 1943, and is ranked high among the seasiders' supporters. Was badly missed on Monday against Metters-Canterbury.

WELCOME REAPPEARANCE

Andy Kyle, of Sunshine, who recently returned to the First team, has given the League leaders another boost. Andy's sojourn in the Reserves till recently had many fans curious.

ACTION NEEDED

Hakoah officials are to be complimented on assisting so ably to restrain that small minority of their supporters last Saturday whose actions bring their club into discredit.

LOOKING AHEAD

For a Third Division club, Coburg's finances would make many First Division club's envious. Content to rebuild their club, they have embarked on a plan which must gain them higher honors in a few years.

HOSPITALITY

The official function and supper afforded Woonona-Bulli and Sandringham teams after their exhibition match at Wonthaggi by the local Workingmen's Club was a real example of local hospitality. In the words of the N.S.W. team's president, "We were killed with kindness."

Who is the inside-left (another ex-R.A.F. type) who celebrated his debut for his club, after a long absence from soccer, too, by scoring 4 goals against South Melbourne?

Sympathy is extended to Alan Foxcroft, our popular left-full-back, whose wife was recently in Hospital.

Congratulations to Bob Stewart—another son. Tally now two future soccer players, anyway. Whilst on congratulations, we mention Dick Wyatt, who recently announced his engagement. After breaking his jaw at Yallourn eight weeks ago, we admire this further evidence of his courage!

"SOCCER NEWS" FREE COMPETITION

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

A cash prize of £1 will be awarded for a correct forecast of the 14 games. Should more than one correct result be received, the prize will be equally divided among the successful entrants. Should no one succeed in forecasting the correct results, the prize of £1 will be "jack-potted" to the next week's contest. Each entry must be submitted, in ink, on a correct "Soccer News" Coupon.

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Members of "Soccer News" and V.A.S.F.A. Officials are not eligible.

No. 2 CONTEST

No competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of games listed on Coupon No. 2. Correct forecast of Hakoah-Sunshine game which was played, was included.

No. 3 CONTEST

Prize money for No. 3 Contest has jack-potted to £3.
Entries close Thursday, June 29. Claims to be in by Tuesday, July 4.

MATCHES PLAYED JUNE 24, 1950 —— "SOCCER NEWS" COUPON NO. 4.

Home Away	
First Division	
Brighton v. Sunshine	1
Hakoah v. Park Rangers	2
Sandringham v. Footscray	1
Prahran v. South Yarra	1
Second Division	
South Melbourne v. Preston	1
Ringwood v. Yarraville	2
Western Suburbs v. George Cross	1
Third Division (South)	
Bentleigh v. Park Rangers	2
Victoria Police v. Olympic	1
Third Division (North)	
Geelong Celtic v. White Eagles	2
Inter. Harvesters v. South Yarra	1
First Division Reserves	
South Yarra v. Prahran	1
Sunshine v. Brighton	2
Second Division Reserves	
Yarraville v. Ringwood	2

To mark Coupon, place Fig. 1 in column provided to denote home team WIN. Fig. 2 to denote AWAY team WIN. Letter X to denote a DRAWN game.

I have read and agree to "Soccer News" Conditions of Entry, and accept their decision as final in all matters pertaining to same.

(Signed) .....
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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ENTRANTS

Many entries are being received without the name and address of Competitor appearing on the back of the envelope. Others are putting two entries on the one coupon, which is not allowed. Your attention is respectfully drawn to these matters.—Competition Editor.

CLUB JOTTINGS

PARK RANGERS v. SOUTH YARRA

In this match the interest was always aroused by the keen struggle, with the forwards striving to master the opposing defence, with the home vanguard slightly superior to that of the visitors, for whom Payne at centre-half stood out. Both goalkeepers had plenty of work to do and each in his turn made excellent saves. But for this, and erratic shooting by the forwards, the score would have been greater.

The first goal came to Rangers from a free kick taken by Guy about thirty yards out. Nelson headed the ball goalwards and Mulcahy gave Reynolds no chance. Just before half-time Yarra had an opportunity to equalise from a penalty, but Sharpe sent the ball just outside the post.

Rangers' second goal came just after half-time, when Mulcahy accepted a pass from Forrest and again beat Reynolds. There were many keen duels between Miller and Sharman, the Yarra wingers, and the opposing halves, Howie and Nelson, who had taken the place of Holder (injured), who, nevertheless, did some good work at outside left. Yarra's goal came after 85 minutes' play, when Bolton converted a centre from Miller.

A word of praise is due to the referee who was always up with the game and was quick to detect infringement which might otherwise escape being penalised.

Under 14 Rangers' youngsters are playing grand football at the moment and defeated South Melbourne "B" team by 4—0. It says much for the combination of the forward line that the centre-forward, Peter Sykes, claimed three of the four goals for his side.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5

Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (Tachyglossus aculeatus) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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FIFERS SOCCER CLUB

Saturday, June 3, and Saturday, June 10, saw two stiff games for the Fifers. Firstly, Coburg, where a first-class struggle developed. The ground was in no condition for football—more kick and rush than good football. Under the circumstances Fifers did well to get a point. Just one little alteration to Coburg's club jottings of the 10th. It was Coburg who played the Cup Tie football, not Fifers, as the writer can testify, being one of those who suffered bruised muscles in the robust play.

The game against White Eagles attracted a very large following from both sides. The score, 3—3, was a very fair result, but the Fifers, who had the game won half-way through the second half, threw away their chances by becoming unsettled. The White Eagles' danger man was the right-wing, who notched a hat-trick of goals. He was much too good for the Fifers' left-back, who was injured early in the piece. The Fifers' goals were all scored by Harry Morgan—another hat-trick. Good ones all of them, by a player who was the best of the forward line and not afraid to shoot. The best man on the ground though was Fifers' centre-half, Paul Finn. He played a sterling game and undoubtedly saved his side from getting beaten.

PRESTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

Preston are likely to finish the season strongly. With only six more games to play and all players fit, promotion prospects are bright. At Ringwood on Saturday, Preston won, 3—0. Ringwood fought hard, particularly in the second half, but failed to catch Bain off his guard. Preston's forward line was well supported by two forceful wing-halves. An outstanding feature of the game was the tricky combination of Finnerty and Jim Smith on the Preston left-wing. Goals came from J. Smith, Morahan and Bracewell, whilst Preston's best was left-back, Frank Heland. Best for Ringwood was Walker.

Once again, the Reserves had no game, as their opponents failed to appear. The Under 19's, striving for premiership honors, beat Ringwood, 5—1. Turner (2), Horabin (2), and Williams bagged the goals, Peachy lending valuable support.

UNIVERSITY SOCCER CLUB

Under ideal conditions the match between University and Western Suburbs proved to be a good and exciting game. Deacon put University ahead from a goalmouth scramble, but Western Suburbs drew level before the interval. After taking the lead, when the inside-left shot home from a fine angle, they drew further ahead when the centre-forward beat a University defender by sheer pace. University reduced the leeway when Deacon was fouled in the "box," Jamieson making no mistake from the "spot," and were unfortunate to have what would have been the equaliser from Sanderson disallowed a few minutes from time. A draw would have been a fitting result between two well-matched sides. University were stronger in defence, but Western Suburbs had the edge in the attack.

In the Reserve fixture University again had to face a depleted side and won 8—0 without effort. These games are most unsatisfactory and inevitably one-sided.

SOUTH YARRA RESERVES v. PARK RANGERS RESERVES

Within the first few minutes South Yarra opened the scoring when Blundell beat the visitors' goalie with a well-directed shot. Rangers, playing good football, soon equalised through Smith, and went further ahead when Mitchell netted the ball from a very obvious offside position, but was allowed the goal.

Yarra broke away and Hore levelled the scores. Rangers, young and keen, were over-playing South Yarra in every department. Half-time scores were 2—2.

Upon resumption, MacLeod put the visitors ahead again, but Yarra soon replied when from a perfect corner by Hallasly, Hore got his head to the ball and placed it well into the corner of the net. Rangers were shooting hard at every opportunity and it was not long before Mitchell notched another goal. A

short while after Lomax, Rangers' outside-right, fired in a hard angle shot which completely had De Haans beaten, for the ball hit the inside of the upright and glanced into the net. The final scores were: Park Rangers, 5; South Yarra, 3.

SANDRINGHAM CITY v. WOONONA-BULLI

Sandringham City club looks back on last week-end as one of the biggest achievements in the two years of its existence. We had as our guests Woonona-Bulli (N.S.W.), who certainly showed us the better points on football, and just won as they pleased. Our boys have a lot to learn as far as position play goes, and will need to train harder to keep up with the speed that the New South Welshmen play.

The Woonona boys had the time of their lives, and their only regret was that they couldn't stay a fortnight.

The club thanks Mrs. Des Hamilton, Mrs. J. McLennon, J. Phillips, W. McLennan, C. Dawson, A. Finney, W. Raitt, J. Cleworth, N. Shingles and B. Bluer for providing billets for the Woonona boys. They were certainly appreciated by the boys.

His Worship the Mayor of Sandringham turned on a great day for the visitors, as also did the soccerites at Wonthaggi, who treated us all like kings.

On the Monday (King's Birthday) a large crowd attended at our ground to witness the Junior Lightning Premiership Carnival. And what a day; the soccer by these boys was tops, as also was the organising ability of the Junior Committee, who raised over £36 alone by the sale of refreshments, etc. Great work, Les, John, Norm and Don, plus all the Juniors, headed by that great clubman, Allen Palmer.

Thanks also to those grand ladies who helped out by supplying the tea, sandwiches, etc., and kept on serving right up to dark.

The men referred to also did a great job.: Joe Bambra, Tom Lowe, Ralph White, George Nicoll, Ern Bryant, Barry Donaldson and Pop Finney, plus Bill Bowman from Sunshine United.

Stan Shields gave a good exhibition over the Mike, and kept things moving.

We certainly have some very good clubmen amongst the Juniors, who slept in tents during Sunday night (to see that nothing was tampered with on the ground, etc.). Thanks go out to all the clubs that supported us in this venture, and we think that we made everyone sit up and take notice of what turned out to be a gigantic success.

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WILLIAMSTOWN v. COBURG

Coburg played away from home and defeated Williamstown, 3 goals to nil. The referee failed to turn up and Williamstown substituted with one of their officials, who did quite a good job. Coburg, having one of their Seniors injured, decided to give one of the Juniors a try out. This lad, although only 17 years of age and his first game with the Seniors, was outstanding for his speed and excellent crossing to the centre. The game was quite good, but the greasy nature of the ground made it hard for the players to control the ball. Plenty of opportunities were missed and the off-side rule was frequently broken throughout the game.

The Reserve team won by 6 goals to 1. This game was a good indication of our young talent, as most of the Reserves went away for the long week-end and four of the Juniors took their places owing to Yarraville dropping out.

The Schoolboys won their respective match by 8 goals to nil against Highett, but this was only to be expected as the Highett boys have not won a game. Perhaps with a little more coaching and their parents taking an interest in the sport, these boys will come good next year.

Best players for the Seniors were J. Hartley and Wakefield, and for the Reserves, M. Krackoville, Orton and Hambridge. For the Schoolboys D. Roy, Adams and Gillis were outstanding.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

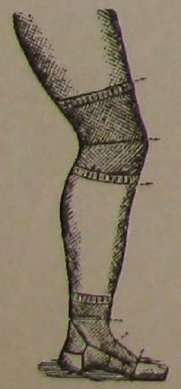
Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—Does a newly-formed team choose their own club colours or does the Association choose them? If the clubs are allowed to pick their own, could you send me a list of all League teams and their colours; also, how does a new team go about joining the Soccer League? We are a newly-formed team here in Geelong, and we are hoping that we will be allowed to enter the Soccer League next season. For the remainder of this season we are getting all the practice we can with some friendlies thrown in.—Yours etc., H. J. MEALEY.

[The man you want to get in touch with is Mr. S. Beaton, Sec., V.A.S.F.A., who will be only too pleased to forward all the information required regarding a new club. We think you sent us the wrong address, Mr. Mealey. Mr. Beaton's address is 2 Clendon Road, Armadale.—Ed.]

Sir,—Let me correct the impression that in my letter in "Soccer News" of June 10. I was referring to the money held in trust for the Juniors by the V.A.S.F.A. I have every confidence in this body in regard to the needs of the Juniors. The Trust Fund I had in mind is a mystery one. Mr. J. O. Wilshaw is one of the trustees and I believe the other trustee is not in Victoria now.—Yours, etc., BILL BOWMAN.

Sir,—May I, through your columns, express my thanks to the committee and clubmen for the grand evening they gave both Phil Venton and myself. Phil is off to sunny Queensland, and Prahran will miss his services, but Phil says he hopes to play up there and show the Queenslanders that soccer in Victoria produce good clean soccer players like he is. All his clubmen wish him well in his new venture. I am going to England for a trip, and if I enjoy my trip home as much as I did at the evening they gave us, I will be very happy.—Yours, etc., GEO. STEVENS.



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